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Appointment of M.L.As. as ex-officio members of the Taluk Prohibition Committees.

* 859 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar District Prohibition Council has asked for any clarification from the Government whether or not the M.L.As. of the taluks could be ex-officio members of the Taluk Prohibition Committees concerned; and

(*b*) if so, the reply given by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether M.L.As. are entitled to attend the meetings of the Prohibition Advisory Committee of the taluk as ex-officio members? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir, they are not entitled to attend those meetings."

Arrest of Communists in Tanjore district.

* 860 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Communists were arrested under section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code in 1954 in Tanjore district;

(*b*) how many were involved in cases; and

(*c*) how many were acquitted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) It will not be possible to furnish information required by the hon. Member as the police do not distinguish between Communists and others in effecting arrests and no one is arrested merely on the ground that he is a Communist. The following information in respect of arrests made under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, in Tanjore district in 1954 is however furnished :—

The police arrested 23 persons in all. Out of these 10 persons were prosecuted for specific offences. The cases against two others are under investigation. The remaining 11 persons were released and no prosecution was launched against them."

Construction of Attappadi-Chinnathadakam road.

* 861 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the construction of the Attappadi-Chinnathadakam road stands; and

(*b*) when it is expected to be completed?